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divided, cellulose material, which is intended for rapid dissolution/dispersion with release of the laundry detergent composition following introduction into liquid.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 3-4 with the following paragraph:

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This object is achieved by means of the invention of a laundry detergent compact comprising a pulverulent and/or granular laundry detergent composition and an incorporated disintegrant comprising finely-divided, cellulose material, which is intended for rapid dissolution/dispersion with release of the laundry detergent composition following introduction into liquid, wherein the cellulose material is compacted prior to its admixture to the laundry detergent composition and is present in the compact in the form of compacted granules having a density of from 0.5 to 1.5 g/cm³.

Please replace the paragraphs on page 8, lines 1- with the following paragraphs:

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A particle size of the starting material, which is in the form of relatively large granules following compaction, of 40-60 µm has proven judicious for laundry detergents. Such fine cellulose starting materials can be produced at a comminution expense which is still acceptable, and are virtually absent from the laundry.

The compacted particles of the cellulose material, i.e., the granules, can have a particle size of from 0.2 to 6.0 mm, in particular from 0.3 to 1.5 mm, the most judicious particle size depending inter alia on the size of the laundry detergent compact and, indirectly, on the nature of the ingredients of the detergent compact, insofar as, for example, different laundry detergents have different compositions with different pressing and disintegration properties.

The weight fraction of the compacted cellulose material in the finished detergent compact can be from 3 to 6 percent.

C3 It is also advisable for the detergent compact to comprise, additionally, a fraction of finely divided noncompacted cellulose material.

Please replace the paragraphs on page 8, line 28 – page 9, line 5 with the following paragraphs:

The weight fraction of the uncompacted cellulose material in the finished detergent compact can be from 1 to 3 percent.

C4 The compacted cellulose material present in the detergent compact can have a coating comprising a swelling agent and/or thickener.

Please replace the paragraphs on page 9, line 10 – page 10, line 2 with the following paragraphs:

C5 Furthermore, it may be advisable for the cellulose material present in the detergent compact to have a coating comprising a surfactant, which can make up a weight fraction of from 0.5 to 5.0 percent of the finished detergent compact and which is present in the detergent compact in addition to the surfactant already present in the pulverulent laundry detergent. The surfactant is intended to promote the distribution of the liquid along the surface of the particles of the cellulose material.

The dispersion properties of the cellulose material can be increased if it is at least partly fibrillated, i.e., is comminuted down to the level of bundles each comprising a few cellulose fibers lying parallel to one another.

In order to achieve sufficient dispersibility, i.e., instant disintegration of the detergent compact following introduction into the liquid, it is advisable to press it from a mixture of the pulverulent or granular ingredients with the finely divided cellulose material in dry or earth-moist form.